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FATHER, 3 CHILDREN DIE IN BLAZE

FUMES, SMOKE FATAL TO FOUR AS HOME BURNS

U. S. Forest Ranger at Parsons Saves Wife, Crawls Back for Children

Collapses As He Seeks Three Small Daughters

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Mrs. Gaudineer escaped the flames by leaping from the second story. Her back and arms were severely burned.

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The fire caused only slight damage to the dwelling. It destroyed the furniture, but was extinguished before it spread to the exterior of the residence.

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**ANATOMY OF A MOUNTAIN
TRAGEDY**



THE DON GAUDINEER STORY

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THE CLARKSBURG EXPONENT
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(Special to The Exponent)

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Fumes Responsible

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Mrs. Gaudineer, injured in her jump to safety and severely burned, is in critical condition here at the clinic of Dr. Samuel Weisman. She was told late today that her husband and three daughters are dead.

"I knew they couldn't get out," she said calmly.

The fires, thought to have been started at 12:50 a.m. by defective wiring, was discovered by Rueben Bennett, a neighbor. Bennett's son, Darrell Bennett, a member of the fire department, sounded the alarm.

Webb Myers, a neighbor, who arrived at the Gaudineer house before the firemen got there, made an unsuccessful attempt to reach the second floor.

The bodies of Doris and Helen were found on the floor under their beds, where they apparently had crawled to escape the smoke, while the body of Barbara lay in bed.

Gaudineer was considered one of the best fire fighters in the east. He stood six feet, seven inches tall and weighed nearly 200 pounds. He was born in New York, a son of Mr. And Mrs. E. F. Gaudineer. He was a graduate of the New York Ranger School and entered the forest service in 1922 at the White Mountain National Forest in New Hampshire. In 1924, he was transferred to the Monongahela National Forest and was stationed at Thornwood. He came here in the spring of 1934 as ranger in charge of Cheat district, succeeding Donald Beck, who was transferred.

He is survived by his widow, the former Mary Irwin, of Thornwood, his parents in New York, and his sister, Mrs. Helen Gerts, of New York.

ELKINS INTERMOUNTAIN
Elkins, West Virginia, Wednesday, April 29, 1936

REPORTS STATE MRS. GAUDINEER RESTS "EASIER"

Funeral for Ranger and Daughters at M. E. Church Here

Theory That Fire Started in Light Switch is Strengthened

Joint funeral services for Donald R. Gaudineer, 35, U. S. district forest ranger, and his three daughters, who perished in a fire at their home in Parsons on Tuesday morning, will be held in the First Methodist Episcopal church in Elkins on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. H. Hughes Wagner, pastor of the church will officiate.

Bodies of the four victims are now at the Minear undertaking establishment in Parsons being prepared for burial and they will be removed to the church here about noon tomorrow.

Mr. And Mrs. K. F. Gaudineer, parents of the ranger, arrived today from New York and after visiting Mrs. Gaudineer in Parsons, came to Elkins to complete arrangements for the burial. Members of the staff of the Monongahela National forest will serve as pall bearers for the man they learned to love and respect as a leader and co-worker.

Suffers Burns, Back Injury

Mrs. Gaudineer, only survivor of the blaze that trapped the sleeping family, was reported today to be "resting easier" at the office of Dr. Weisman in Parsons. She suffered minor burns and a back injury when she jumped from a second-story window while her husband turned back in a futile effort to rescue their children.

Helen, 8, and Doris, 6, had crawled under the bed to escape the smoke and flames and were found there. Gaudineer had returned to the crib where the youngest child, Barbara Jo, four months old, was sleeping and he was found on the floor there.

Investigation of the house strengthened the theory that wiring in a light switch had caused the fire but it was reported that chemicals Gaudineer had been experimenting with in forest fire fighting increased the density of the smoke and hastened the suffocation.

Startling Tragedy

The tragedy, most startling, in this vicinity for many years, cast a pall of gloom over the entire forest area and adjoining towns where the ranger, known and remembered for his great stature and poviality and respected for his work on the forest, had thousands of friends. Every flag at every outpost and CCC camps on the forest were at half mast yesterday as news of his death arrived.

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DURBIN NEWS

Paul Turman of Charleston W. Va. spent Saturday night in Durbin, on his way to Pendleton county in regard to road work. It will be remembered that Mr. Turman was the first contractor on the road from Circleville to Durbin.

A great many people from Durbin and the neighboring communities attended the funeral of D. R. Gaudineer and children who were former residents of Durbin. Mrs. Gaudineer's brother, Robert Ervine of Oklahoma City, received the news of the tragedy over the Radio Broadcast and arrived in Parsons, W. Va. in 36 hours a distance of about 1400 miles, including 4 hours in which he rested.

Virginia and Rives Hiner visited their sister, Mrs. C. C. Hertig of Elkins during the week end and returned with Mrs. Hertig to their home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Keller, of Durbin were shopping in Elkins last week.

Dr. J. G. Chestine, a missionary in Mexico for 30 years, is spending the summer with his daughter, Mrs. G. D. Naylor.

Hazel Hull who is teaching school at Lobelia, and Whitman, a student of Glennville State Teachers College spent the week end with their parents Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hull, of Durbin.

Glenn Goodsell and Clifford Kincaid who have positions in Belle, spent a few days last week with their parents.

Robert Williams was a business visitor in Elkins last week.

Quite a number of citizens of Durbin, have gone to Lewisburg to sign up so they might work for the contractors on Cheat Mountain.

Dr. Fox, O.C.C. Camp Physician, and Mrs. Fox, left the Wilmoth Hotel and are located in Elkins.

W. H. Snedegar, Don Wilt and some friends are spending a few days of fishing at the Snedegar Lodge on North Fork of Deer Creek.

Prof. J. J. Sperry, J. M. Racer, and Harold P. Sheets, of Woodstock and Edinburg, Va., spent a few days fishing on Greenbrier river near here.

Ben M. Hiner, Reporter of Durbin Fair Players I. H. Club.

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Elkins Intermountain
July 6, 1937

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feet close to the sod, who felt responsibility to the Forest Service and the great National Forest, to which he gave the best years of his life."

The speaker went on to point out the policy of the Forest Service, which is the "greatest good to the greatest number of people in the long run," adding that Gaudineer exemplified this policy in his dealings with fellow workers and the public.

Dedication Ceremonies

Following Mr. Price's address, three automobiles, equipped with chains, carrying a few close friends and relatives, made the two mile trip over a dirt road to the Gaudineer Tower where the final dedication ceremony took place.

Mrs. Mary Gaudineer, widow of D. R. Gaudineer, broke a bottle of water gathered from the headwaters of the Ohio, James and Potomac rivers, on the steel girder of the tower, as the climax to this notable event.

Attending relatives and friends were Mr. and Mrs. H. Frank Gaudineer of New York City, nephew of D. R. Gaudineer; Mr. and Mrs. R. Gerdtz of New York, a sister and brother-in-law. Two boyhood friends of Gaudineer were also present, Richard Raymond, of Chicago, Ill. and John Kemp, of Peekskill, N. Y., as well as numerous friends from both Virginia and West Virginia.

Millard Martin returned last night from Cumberland, Md., where he spent the weekend with relatives.

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CALVIN W. PRICE, EDITOR

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"If you would his monument behold, look around."

Some flippant person may have asked if the above is not an appropriate epitaph for the tombstone of a physician buried in a community cemetery among the graves of former patients.

However, I am told it is a liberal translation of inscription in Latin which marks the tomb of Sir Christopher Wren at St. Paul's Cathedral. Dr. Wren was a renowned English architect of all time. He designed the great cathedral of St. Paul to replace the edifice destroyed in the great fire of London in 1666.

This day I have in mind monuments, for come Monday, July 5, I am asked to attend the dedication of the Gardinier Fire Tower on a height of land in Shavers Cheat Mountain in the Monongahela National Forest. Most appropriately this great watchtower to stand guard upon forests now being restored to beauty and usefulness for the good of mankind and the creatures over which he holds dominion will bear the honored name of the late Donald Gardinier. He was a veteran ranger of the United States Forest Service, and a pioneer in building the Monongahela National Forest, and his works do follow him.

I can easily imagine I hear a snort of disdain by this old timer over the fuss and feathers of this the day of his remembrance; and note his modest surprise and withal his pleasure and his appreciation, as we, his friends, do honor to ourselves in gathering with simple ceremony a landmark which, will perpetuate his name in the forest which he loved.

Had I been asked, I would have suggested that on the name plate on this tower be written, "If you would this monument behold, look around." Maybe it is not too late to have this finishing touch added. For as the years come and go each succeeding growing season will do its part to the vista from Point Gardinier in perfecting the picture held in the mind's eye of the tall ranger, as he planned and labored to build back what man himself had destroyed. He planted the seedling of the whispering pine, the majestic maple and the sturdy oak to heal gapping wounds of fire scalds; he put trees to growing where the weed, the poison vine and running brier cumbered the ground. He watched and worked to stay fire's destructive agency, to keep the wild woods a thing of use and beauty and a joy forever.

A high place on the busy street, through thousands walk together, there is but a puny measure by the side of the eery heights of this watchmans tower, set on a lonesome promontory, the silvan wonders of the Endless Mountains to unfold.

When it comes to monuments there have been and always will be those who question the propriety of erecting a pile of enduring stone to extend a memory which shall live no longer in monument than the bell rings and the widow weeps.

It has also been said those only deserve a monument who do not need one. Among such are the pioneers of conservation in this generation who have raised themselves memorials in the forests they have striven to restore. As to the work of these foresters, let me borrow words from the orator on Bunkers Hill: "Our poor work may perish, but thine shall endure! This monument may moulder away, but thy memory shall not fail!" Wheresoever among men a heart shall be found that beats to the transports of a desert land restored, its aspirations shall be to claim kindred with thy spirit.

Donald Gardinier was born to good estate. He came from a family of bankers in a great city. The honorable calling of his fathers had little appeal to him. He was a man of the out of door, and he felt deeply his responsibility in restoring to America her well nigh lost heritage of woods and waters. He prepared himself for the work of a forester in the best schools of his time. With this scientific equipment he hied himself to the mountains of West Virginia, to take position as District Ranger in the then minute Monongahela National Forest. Through socalled promotion was fast in the rapidly growing forestry service for men of Mr. Gardinier's attainments, natural ability and experience, he refused all offers for advancement into executive positions which would take him out of the woods. He had forsaken a career as an executive in the family banking house, with attendant wealth and power, to find in the forest room according to his strength. He chose the intensive work of cultivating a given boundary of forest area, with the growing things in touch under his own hand rather than the extensive work of the service away from the soil itself. Many a pup did he train for service in the more extended field. Such men never presumed to hand down orders to him; they were ever grateful to share the benefit of his ripe experience and good judgment.

A year ago fire destroyed Mr. Gardinier's home in the night time. He willingly gave his life in attempting to bring his loved ones to safety.

Such are the short and simple annals of a man among men who lived among us, thoroughly satisfied with the work he was called to do.

I know that is a good place to stop, but I do want to say we have room for monuments for men and movements which have reared their own monuments. We have Scripture for it. On the way to the Promised Land, as the Children of Israel passed dry, shod though the Jordan to the Plains of Jericho, the orders were to take twelve stones for the bed of the stream and make them a land mark. When in years to come the children would ask what mean these stones, speak to them of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; of Joseph and the descent into Egypt; of Moses and the Passover; of the parting of the waters at the Red Sea and the journeying through the Wilderness, led by the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar fire by night; of the manna six mornings a week and of water from the rock in a dry place; of the fiery serpents and the brazen snake lifted up in the camp of Joshua, Caleb and all the rest of the absorbingly interesting history of the Chosen People.

So in the years to come when people ask the meaning of the plate on the watchman's fire tower, on Point Gardineer, on Shavers Cheat, in the Monongahela National Forest, tell them of the Endless Mountains clothed in a vesture of forest seldom to be seen and never excelled; of the rape of this forest through the short sighted greed of men; of a desert waste place through the agency of fire uncontrolled; of the resulting floods to ravage the lowland habitations of men; of drouths and dust storms; of the final awakening of an intelligent public sentiment for forestry Conservation through the

preaching of seers who for years spoke as unto deaf ears; of the slow beating back by nature, with the assistance of the foresters, on an ever widening front; of the men who gave themselves unto the work.

"Monuments themselves memorials need," and the land mark on Point Gardinier has the good memorial indeed; for if you would his monument behold, look around the reestablished forest.

P. S. To reach the tower take U. S. Route 250 by Staunton & Parkersburg Pike go to top of Cheat Mountain at the Pocahontas-Randolph County line, five miles from Durbin, then follow U. S Forest Service road two and a quarter miles to Point Gardinier, where the tower is located.

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GAUDINEER SAVES WIFE BUT DIES IN EFFORT TO RESCUE THREE CHILDREN

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From Second-Story Window; Suffers
Injuries to Foot and Back

By WILLIAM HAMBY

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Firemen, reconstructing the tragedy, said Gaudineer opened a window after discovering the blaze, helped his wife to jump out, and then collapsed as he groped through the smoky interior searching for the youngsters.

Gaudineer and his daughter died from suffocation, not burns, firemen said. The flames were extinguished by neighbors and firemen who were on the scene in a few minutes.

When firemen found Gaudineer, they used an inhalator on him for a half an hour after physicians said they believed him dead.

Mrs. Gaudineer suffered injuries to her foot and back and is being treated today at Dr. Samuel Weisman's clinic here.

The children who died when fumes spread through the house are Helen, 8, Doris Ann, 6, and Barbara, four months.

Bodies of the four were recovered by Parsons volunteer firemen, who fought heroically and futilely to stem the fire and rescue Gaudineer and the children before they were trapped.

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He was beaten back by billows of smoke and the intense heat after reaching the head of the stairs.

Firemen said they believe the three children were asleep when the fire started and that Gaudineer attempted to rescue them. His body was found in a room with one of the children. The other two daughters were in separate rooms.

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Grant Republicans To Hold Sessions

Republicans of Grant district have planned two meetings of party members for the near future.

T. J. ASHCRAFT PASSES AWAY

Fairmont, April 28. — (AP) — Thomas J. Ashcraft, 40, secretary-treasurer of the bituminous coal producers board for northern West Virginia under the Guffey coal code, died in a Washington hospital early today, an announcement from the headquarters of the board here said.

Ashcraft was taken seriously ill about three months ago and was removed to the Veterans hospital for treatment. He failed to rally from a serious kidney infection complicated by a heart ailment.

Ashcraft was born and reared near Burton, Wetzel county. He began working around the mines when young and was employed by the Consolidation Coal Company, the Paisley interests of Cleveland at the Murray mine, and for several years was assistant general superintendent of the mines owned by the Koppers Coal Company in this field.

When the NRA coal code was started, Ashcraft was employed as accountant in the subdivision offices here. He was elected secretary-treasurer of the producers board under the Guffey bill last October. He also was assistant secretary-treasurer of the Northern West Virginia Subdivisional Coal Association, an organization of operators.

Ashcraft was president of the Marion County Young Democratic

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PRICE TO SPEAK AT DEDICATION

MARLINTON EDITOR WILL SPEAK AT DEDICATION OF GAUDINEER TOWER

Calvin Price, of Marlinton, widely known newspaper editor, naturalist and public speaker, will be the principal speaker at the dedication of the Gaudineer fire tower near the Randolph - Pocahontas county line on Monday afternoon, July 5. Arthur A. Wood, supervisor of the Monongahela National forest, announced today.

Donald Beck, from the regional offices of the United States Forest service, and Mr. Wood will give brief talks.

Donald R. Gaudineer, in whose memory the tower will be dedicated, was one of the most popular forest rangers on the Monongahela National forest for over ten years. Most of his time was spent in the prevention and suppression of forest fires.

He made the supreme sacrifice in a valiant but futile effort to save his three daughters from their burning home, nearly fifteen months ago.

In tribute to this gallant man, the Forest Service plans to have an appropriate dedicatory ceremony at the tower site.

Gaudineer Tower may be reached by travelling U. S. Route 250 to the top of Shavers Mountain at the Randolph-Pocahontas county line, five miles from Durbin. A dirt road 2 1/4 miles long leads to a point 4,445 feet in elevation which will be called Gaudineer Knob.

Friends are invited to attend.

500 SEE GAUDINEER TOWER DEDICATED

Elkins, July 6. — (Special) — Rain yesterday did not dampen the tribute to a father who lost his life more than a year ago in an effort to rescue his small children from fire which destroyed his Parsons home.

Some 500 persons braved the showers to attend ceremonies which dedicated the Gaudineer fire tower on Cheat mountain between this city and Durbin. The tower is in honor of the late D. R. Gaudineer, forest service employe who lost his life in the rescue attempt on April 28, 1936. The tower is located two miles from Route 250 and because of the rain, the ceremonies were held along the nearby highway.

The principal address was made by Calvin W. Price, Marlinton.

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feet close to the sod, who felt responsibility to the Forest Service and the great National Forest, to which he gave the best years of his life."

The speaker went on to point out the policy of the Forest Service, which is the "greatest good to the greatest number of people in the long run," adding that Gaudineer exemplified this policy in his dealings with fellow workers and the public.

Dedication Ceremonies

Following Mr. Price's address, three automobiles, equipped with chains, carrying a few close friends and relatives, made the two mile trip over a dirt road to the Gaudineer Tower where the final dedication ceremony took place.

Mrs. Mary Gaudineer, widow of D. R. Gaudineer, broke a bottle of water gathered from the headwaters of the Ohio, James and Potomac rivers, on the steel girder of the tower, as the climax to this noteworthy event.

Attending yesterday's dedication were Mr. and Mrs. H. Frank Gaudineer of New York City, parents of D. R. Gaudineer; Mr. and Mrs. H. Gerdtz of New York, a sister and brother-in-law. Two boyhood friends of Gaudineer were also present, Richard Raymond, of Chicago, Ill. and John Kemp, of Peekskill, N. Y., as well as numerous friend from both Virginia and West Virginia.

Millard Martin returned last night from Cumberland, Md., where he spent the weekend with relatives.